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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Offshore Island Situation

Nanchishan

The Chinese Nationalist Defense Ministry announced on 25 February that all troops and civilians had been evacuated from Nanchishan. The withdrawal was completed without interference by the Chinese Communists. Nanchishan's fortifications were said to have been destroyed before the evacuation, and all supplies and equipment have been moved to Formosa.

Matsus

Negative.

Quemoy

On 23 February, nine Chinese Communist trucks towing artillery were observed moving south on the Weitou Peninsula, northeast of Big Quemoy. MAAG comments that some of the formerly unoccupied artillery positions at Weitou are now occupied, and there is no doubt that the Chinese Communists are reinforcing their capability to reach areas of Big Quemoy not now covered by Communist guns. Such areas include the airfield and southern landing beaches.

MAAG reports more than 1,000 junks and other craft were spotted in the Chuanchou Bay area, 30 miles northeast of Quemoy, on 23 February. The purpose of this concentration is not known, but the vessels have an estimated capacity of 40,000 combat-loaded troops, according to MAAG.

Weather Forecast

Visibility in the Formosa Straits for the next 48 hours will be good, although reduced slightly by morning coastal fogs. The sea will be slight to moderate with northeasterly surface winds of 12 to 18 knots. There will be increasing low clouds.

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